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WOULD LOVE 'EM ALL FOR \$60; ARRESTED

OMAHA, Neb., July 23.—"Marrying Edith" Bessie, an idea from a magazine story and tried to work it. In the story they lived happily ever afterwards, but before Edith can live happily she will have to get out of jail where the federal officers have placed her for trying to work her big idea on a bunch of Nebraska farmers.

Federal officials say she tried it all over the country, but the official complaint was filed in Nebraska. She is charged with trying to get "in" on a bunch of farmers who were so anxious for wives that they were willing to put up good money to help pay their debts and bring them to Nebraska.

To Marry 28 or 100 Men

"Marrying Edith" is Mrs. Edith Bessie of St. Joseph, Missouri. She was arrested in Lincoln last week. Federal authorities say she has been advertising in newspapers all over the country and that she has agreed to marry anywhere from fifty to a hundred men—but down to date has not married any of them, because she already has a husband. Edith denies she has done anything wrong.

"I operated a matrimonial agency, as I can prove, and once in a while I added an affectionate touch to a letter just to keep up the interest. One of the 'affectionate touches' was made on J. W. Gildersleeve of Hamilton, Nebraska, and there are the words of the 'love touch': 'You boys, dear, a million kisses to you, darling, and a great big squeeze.'"

Send Me 60 Bucks.

The other "touch" contained in Gildersleeve's letter read like this: "Now, dear boy, if you love me, send me \$60 right away so I can come to you at once and be with you."

"I'll get out of this, all right," she said. Then she smiled and showed a row of perfect white teeth.

Edith is a little thing, standing scarcely five feet tall, and is a striking brunette. She was dressed in the latest fashion and wore expensive clothing with valuable trimmings. If these farmers had gotten just one glimpse of Marrying Edith they wouldn't have stopped at sending her \$60 when she was in so much trouble.

For a number of years there has been a shortage of wives out in this western country and the advertisement reading "Wanted—A husband" has always brought a host of letters.

Go to Timbuktoo.

"Marrying Edith" had a regular set form of questions and answers, and also one set definite amount of money which she asked her admirers to send her. She had always, just had a little sickness and there was a bill of \$25 for storage of her furniture. And then it required \$35 for railroad fare. The amount was \$60—never more, never less. For \$60 Edith would go to Hamilton, or Kals-

MURDERED AND BODY THROWN INTO CANAL

With his head crushed in by a heavy instrument, his knees and wrists tied with wire and his mouth gagged, the body of Jose Martinez was found in the canal near the Park street intersection Thursday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, says the El Paso Times.

Disappeared Tuesday.

Martinez disappeared Tuesday night Wednesday night the water in the canal was ordered shut off and the search for the man's body took place Thursday.

Robbery is thought to have been the motive for the murder. Martinez is known to have had \$240 which he had collected for the Tropical Coffee Company, for whom he was a driver, when he disappeared. When his body was found the money was gone.

The house and wagon which Martinez drove was found late Tuesday night near Santa Fe and Eighth streets.

Was Unmarried.

Martinez was 28 years old and lived at 3312 Alameda avenue. He was unmarried.

Friends of the dead man worked with city detectives from early Wednesday morning to the time of the discovery of the body.

City detectives are working on the murder. They have several clues, it was said.

SOVIET TROOPS SUCCESSFUL

[By Associated Press.]

LONDON, England, July 23.—The capture by soviet troops of the fortress of Dubno, one of the Volynia group of fortifications defending the southwestern Polish border, was announced in Moscow statement issued today.

man, or Timbuktoo, or anywhere, to marry the man upon whom she showered her affections.

And during all this time "Marrying Edith" had a husband two children to St. Joseph.

"My husband is a painter and his wages are not such that he can give me the luxuries I must have," she told the officials. "I got the idea of a matrimonial bureau from a story in a magazine. But the man since story didn't end in jail."

"My dearest Jack," read her letter to Gildersleeve, "I have begun to tell you have lost all hope for me."

"Jack" was one of the "many" farmers, but he didn't bite. He happened to meet a friend who was just going to send \$60 to the "sweetest little woman in the world," so she could come and marry him. They compared notes. The "sweetest" was the same in each case. A visit to the postal inspector followed and now "Marrying Edith's" matrimonial bureau is not doing business at the old stand.

Polish Liberty Bonds Distributed



Eight million dollars in Polish Liberty bonds being removed from the United States bank, New York city, for broadcast distribution.

COUNTY SEAT AMERICA'S CUP NEWS TOLD BRIEFLY CHANCES NOW LOOK GOOD

[Special Dispatch to The Columbus Daily Courier.]

DESIGNA, N. M., July 23.—It officially has been announced that the Argus Oil Company east of Deming struck artesian water Wednesday. It is said the water shot up ten or twelve feet. This is proof that artesian water may be had in the valley and certainly is a valuable discovery. The fertile lands may be supplied with an abundance of water and made to produce things even more necessary than oil.

The finding of artesian water is an indication that oil will not be found at a greater depth, and the company is not in the least discouraged. Drilling will continue.

Mrs. S. D. Ambrose will leave this week for an extended visit to relatives in San Antonio, Texas.

The dance given Wednesday evening by the Barchita army people was a most delightful occasion.

Mrs. J. Lewis Brown has returned after two months' absence, spent with relatives in Arkansas and Texas.

Light rains have fallen two evenings this week. We hope these are the forerunners of our delayed July rains.

Mrs. Anna Bartokale and little daughter Bedford have returned from a visit to relatives in Range and Eastland, Texas.

Miss Ruth Heron left Wednesday for Silver City, where she has accepted a position in the Hatten Studio, which formerly had its head quarters in Denning.

Mrs. J. H. Tracy visited her daughters in Columbus Tuesday of this week. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Smith, who are now domiciled at the Tracy residence.

Barchita army post invited a number of their Denning friends to attend a dance Wednesday evening. Quite a crowd have accepted the invitation and Mrs. E. F. Hamilton will act as chaperone.

During the last few days rumors that Camp Cody will again be occupied by troops have been in circulation, but no official confirmation at this time, so Denning citizens are wondering from whence the troops will come, and when they will arrive.

A large army truck conveyed the Denning crowd, chaperoned by Mrs. Hamilton. On their arrival delicious refreshments were served consisting of sandwiches, coffee, lemon ice cream and cake, after which dancing to the wonderful strains of music was begun, an eight piece orchestra from the 24th Infantry of Columbus furnishing the music, and there is no better orchestra in the Sunshine state. Everyone attending reported a grand time.

Sunday several cars headed to Ca-

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BRYAN NOT EVEN TEMPTED; STILL A DEMOCRAT

BOZEMAN, Mont., July 22.—William J. Bryan this afternoon announced positively that he would not accept the nomination for president tendered him by the Prohibition national convention at Lincoln, Nebraska.

The first intimation of his nomination was received by him at 4 o'clock this afternoon at Madison Lake upon his return from a two-hour fishing when he read an Associated Press dispatch giving the text of the telegram sent to him by the convention at Lincoln. He was at first from any telegraph office at that time, but, as soon as he reached Bozeman, Montana, he telegraphed a reply declining the nomination. The text of the telegram follows:

Actually Fishing.

"Please deliver the following message to the chairman of the Prohibition national convention, now in session at Lincoln: Having been away from the railroads and telegraph facilities for the past 24 hours I have not received your telegram notifying me of nomination tendered me by the Prohibition national convention, but having seen a copy of it in the Bozeman Chronicle I hasten to reply. I profoundly appreciate the honor done me in tendering this nomination and I fully share in the convention's interest in prohibition as the permanent policy of our country and in the strict enforcement of the Volstead act without any weakening of its provisions.

Legal to Democrats.

"I also share the convention's disappointment at the failure of the Democratic and Republican parties to pledge their candidates to such a policy, but I cannot in justice to the Prohibition party nor to myself accept the nomination.

"My connection with other reforms would make it impossible for me to focus my attention upon the prohibition question alone, and besides, I am not willing to sever my connection with the Democratic party, which has so ably and honestly served me in years past.

"I have not decided yet how I shall vote this fall, but whatever I may feel it my duty to do in this campaign I expect to continue as a member of the Democratic party and to serve my country through it."

The telegram was addressed to Bryan's brother, Charles Bryan, at Lincoln.

Prohibitionists Condemn Stand Taken by Harding

[By Associated Press.]

LINCOLN, Neb., July 23.—Aaron S. Watkins of Germantown, Ohio, and Dr. Leigh Colvin, Prohibition party candidates for the presidency and vice presidency, respectively, today issued a statement condemning the stand on prohibition taken by Senator Harding in his speech of acceptance yesterday.

POLAND AWAITS ARMISTICE.

[By Associated Press.]

WARSAW, Poland, July 23.—Poland has sent armistice proposals direct to the soviet government at Moscow.

WALTER SPROAT HOME ENTERED BY BURGLAR

Attorney Walter R. Sproat sometimes defends thieves, but more often prosecutes them, and was in the next thing he prosecutes. It won't be prosecution but persecution.

W. R. Sproat's family consists of Mrs. Sproat and two young daughters and at present Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, his parents-in-law, are visiting him.

They occupy the cottage across from the Blair residence and until this morning everything was quiet and serene. Columbus had done well by the young attorney, the city fathers had designated him as city attorney and the clientele which usually enters law offices over which hang the "scales" have been constantly increasing.

But this morning the usually quiet and serene countenance of the attorney wore a somber hue. He had been robbed. Mrs. Sproat, too.

The thief or thieves who have been waxing fat in Columbus for some time had softly entered the front door, softly slipped the wire screen with chains, softly pressed back the door, where the attorney methodically places his R. V. D.'s and other weapons around and just as softly extracted a line and measure 35 bill from his trousers pocket, leaving \$1.25 in the other pocket.

Not exactly satisfied, the thief sniped Mrs. Sproat's weekly allowance in a pocketbook on a dresser. From this he sniped one other dollar and another measure 31 bill, leaving 20 cents.

Nothing else was disturbed, and softly into the night the thief stole his way. The reporter presumes he stole his way, so that was all there was left in steal. Pa Thomas, who is a traveler, had a chair tipped against his door, and shuttled with all his belongings intact.

Mr. Sproat, with a little algebraic computations, finds out that the thief whom he hopes to prosecute—no, prosecute—wasn't a line below Judge Cole, overlooked \$2.00, and he has informed the County that this amount will cheerfully be given to the thief if he will call at the law offices of Pollard & Sproat today, tomorrow or at any time in the future. To be fair to the thief, however, it may be mentioned that Mr. Sproat has crossed his hands and has a heavy baseball bat behind the inner door.

French Troops Begin March on Damascus

[By Associated Press.]

BEIRUT, Syria, July 23.—The French troops, in view of the failure of King Faisal of Syria to begin the execution of the terms of the recent armistice, began a march on Damascus yesterday. An armistice has been concluded thus far, it is said, and the troops are proceeding towards Aleppo, according to today's reports.

ADRIANOPLE BURNING.

[By Associated Press.]

CONSTANTINOPLE, Turkey, July 23.—Airmen which flew over Adrianople reported the city burning.

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TONIGHT

Robert Burns and Magda Lane

-in-

'When the Cougar Called'

A Thrilling Western Drama

"A Restaurant Riot"

Screeching RAINBOW Comedy

Latest World News

COLUMBUS THEATER

TONIGHT

BLANCHE SWEET

in

The DEADLIER SEX

by BAYARD VEILLER

Moze Gibson Confesses To Twelve Murders

[By Associated Press.]

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 23.—More Gibson, negro, sentenced to be hanged for the murder of Roy Trapp of Fullerton, California, today confessed in ten murders and so many burglaries he couldn't enumerate them, according to a telephone message received by Sheriff Glum of Los Angeles from Sheriff C. E. Jackson at Santa Ana.

Four murders, including Trapp, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ehrlich at Phoenix, Arizona, last month, and J. R. Braxie of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, twelve years ago, were alleged to have been admitted.

Gibson gave no details concerning the other six he murdered, according to the report.

High Up Officials To Testify About Gunmen

[By Associated Press.]

CHICAGO, Ill., July 23.—Witnesses for sixty railroad officials and union leaders, summoned there to appear before the federal grand jury Wednesday, were heard today at the request of District Attorney Glum. They are wanted to testify as to the activities of John Grenham, president of the Chicago Yardmen's Association and leader in the recent "unauthorised" strike.

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